



MARCH 20, 2024

The March, 2024 meeting of the Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Ray Shea. Twenty-four members and guests were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Tom Simmons, Racing with Jesus Chaplain.

Ray informed the group that they would see a photo slideshow of racing in the 1970s at Wall Stadium after the business portion of the meeting. Ray thanked Alan Camp for coming to the meeting with his slideshow.

Earl Krause announced the following people who have recently passed away: Tom Eppolite, Flemington Speedway driver; members Butch and John Malsbury's father, who lived to 101 years; Jeanette Ferrante, wife of Tony Ferrante, Sr., Long Island Modified car owner; Bill McCarthy's widow; and Mary Evernham, member Ray Evernham's former wife. The club sends our sympathies to the friends and family of these folks. A moment of silence was observed. Tom Simmons offered a short prayer.

Ray reminded the group that Sunday, March 24, will be the club's 31st Hall of Fame Awards banquet. Last month there were concerns about low ticket sales compared to last year. However, we are now expecting 118 guests. The time period to sign up has closed.

Ray announced the Officers are looking for an Event Coordinator to work with Al Voorhees. Doug Megill, will no longer be able to fill this position. Contact Al or Ray Shea if you are interested in **volunteering**.

Speaking of Event Coordination, Al needs to know if any car owners will be willing to show their cars at static displays this year before he makes arrangements. Please contact him immediately.

Ray informed the group that an Officers meeting was held last week. One of the topics that were discussed was getting more involved with social media, among other things. We need to appeal to the younger generations.

Ray announced he is looking for one or two **volunteers** to organize the club's DVD and VHS collection. This is a small project that will not take a lot of time. Please contact him if you are interested.

Ray said the Officers would like to have a cub picnic this year. A picnic was planned for last year, but it was canceled. We need **volunteers** to organize and manage the picnic. Let Ray know if you are interested in helping.

Ray asked if anyone had any business to discuss before adjournment.

Jim Hall asked about the Flemington Show. Earl Krause elaborated: the Flemington Speedway Historical Society will hold their annual "TAS" Awards on April 7. The event will be held at the Elks Club in Flemington, located across the road from the former fairgrounds. The event is open



to the public for a small admission fee. They will show racing movie footage, present the awards, and resume showing racing movies. This year's honorees will be Smokin' Joe Hall; Fritz Epright; Mike Grbac; and Dick Havens. A number of GSVSCC members plan to attend. It will be a pleasant afternoon. Earl will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

Regarding local racetracks, Earl said Wall Stadium will open on April 20th for competition. They will have practice sessions on April 6 and 13. Earl mentioned Tom Simmons, RWJ Chaplain and GSVSCC Chaplain, is active with his grandson in the Quarter Midget Club that competes at Wall. Earl invited Tom to give the group some information about the Quarter Midget Series. Tom said they will begin their season on April 12 and 13. He invited one and all to come and check it out. Admission is free.

It was announced that Bridgeport Speedway's season opener is scheduled for this weekend; New Egypt Speedway will begin next weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Alan Camp's photo slideshow took place. The group enjoyed seeing the photos and talking about them.